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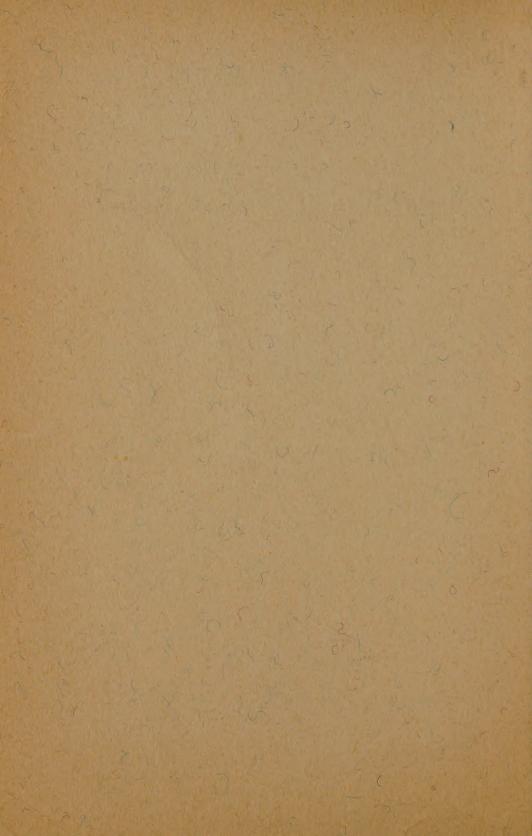
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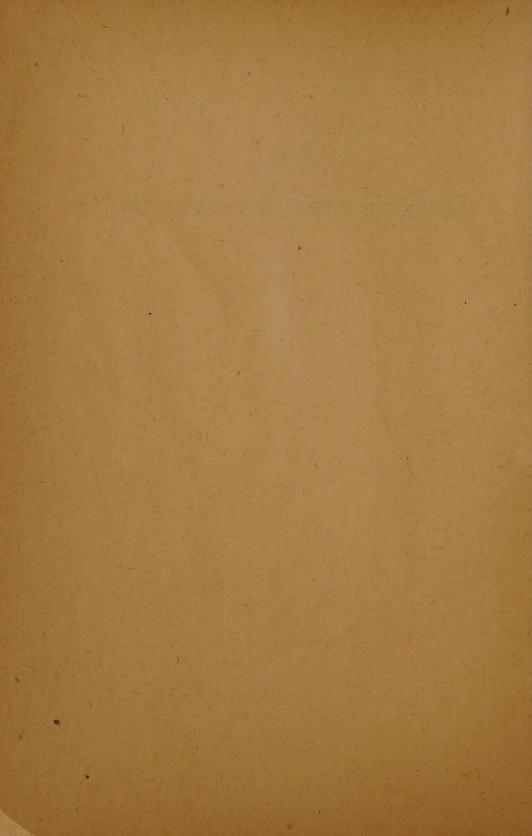




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INTRODUCTION

The paintings reproduced here were not subject to any special selective process whereby the best were collected only. The limitations imposed by a short publication deadline and the inability to collect all the articles being prepared for the Exhibition in June, forced us to use only the finished pictures already on hand or made available to the photographer. Under these limitations, only a certain percentage of the articles produced could be used in the catalogue, and these are not completely representative of the artistic skills found in Displaced Persons Camps.

The contributing artists are of many nationalities, Ukrainian, Latvian, Russian, etc. No particular attempt was made to favor the works of any national group. The works of the amateur as well as those of the professional are included. There was no special emphasis on styles of painting or mediums used. The predominance of watercolors is easily enough explained by the difficulties experienced in getting scarce, and often unavailable, art supplies. Water colors are the most easily obtainable in Germany, and as a result, many of the artists who have never before worked in this medium are compelled to do so now.

The difficulties existing in the procurement of artistic supplies force the Displaced Persons artists to improvise many of the materials used. Some artists are using baling sacks for portrait linens or canvases. Others paint on available paper or metal, sometimes using a tooth-brush for a paint brush for lack of something better. These limitations necessarily are reflected in the paintings produced, but it should make us more appreciative of the results obtained.

Many of the artists are still young men who could materially enrich the cultural heritage of the countries which would give them haven. Some already have established reputations, others need to have their artistic skills brought to the attention of the world. The skills, the willingness are there — what is lacking is the opportunity to live, to work and create under normal conditions of life. Denied this, the creative spirit, so long nourished through periods of insecurity and despair, may eventually shrivel and die, with untold loss to the world.

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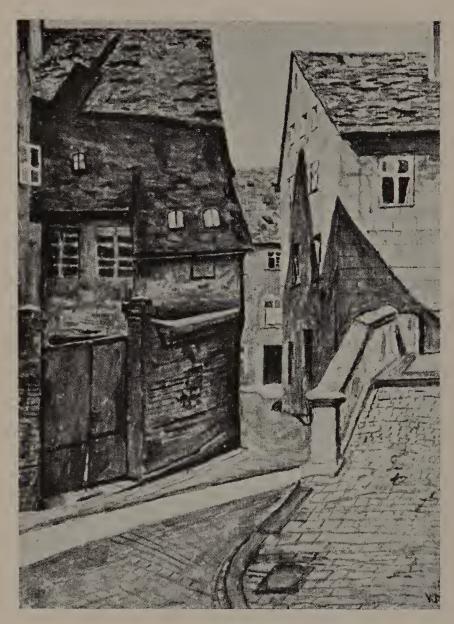
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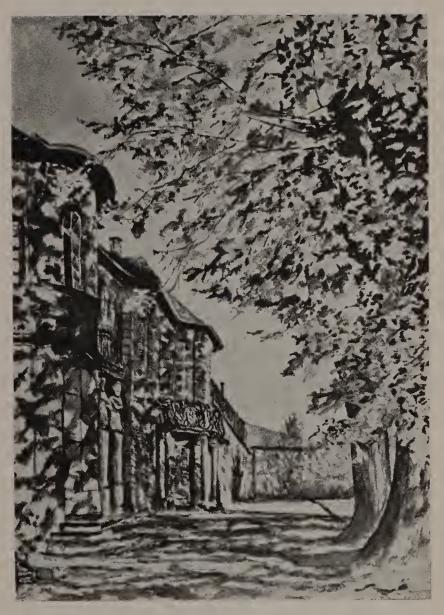
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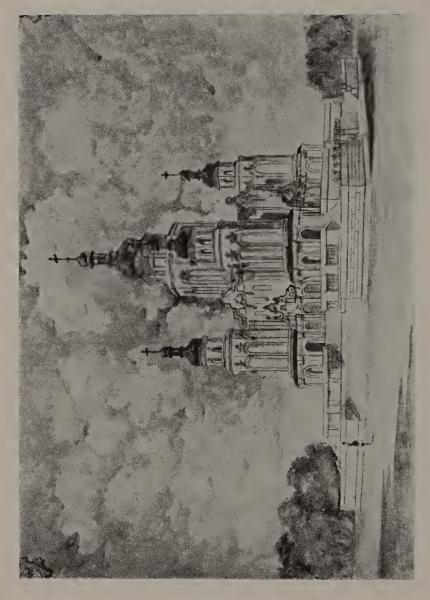
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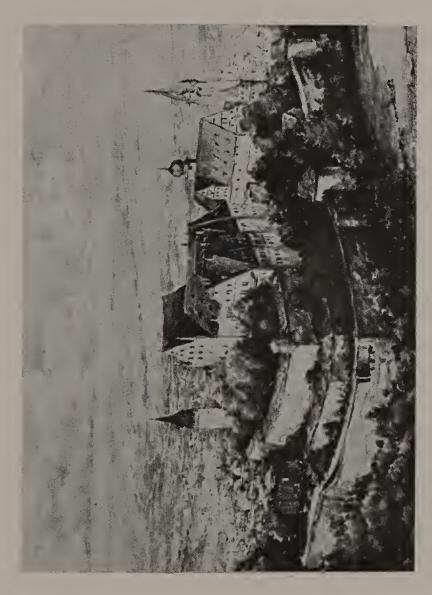


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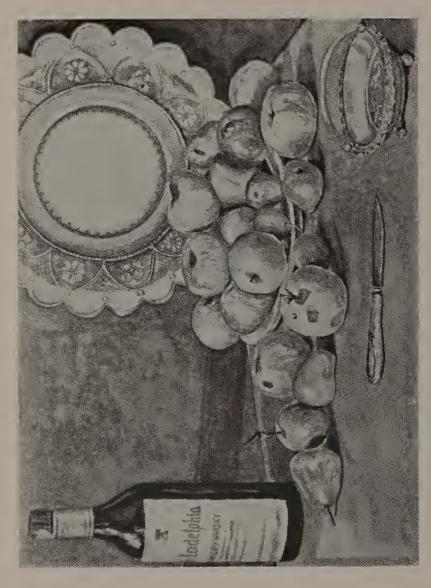


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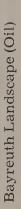


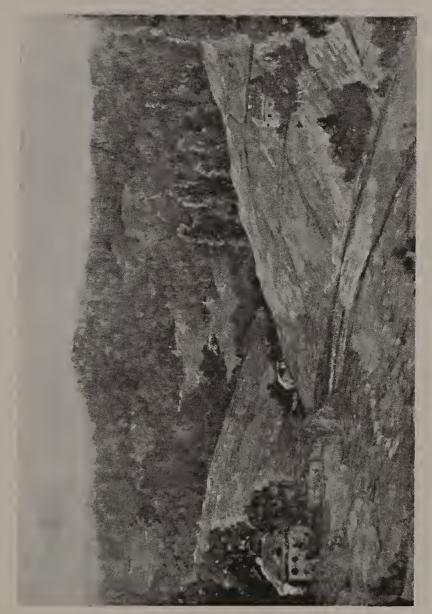




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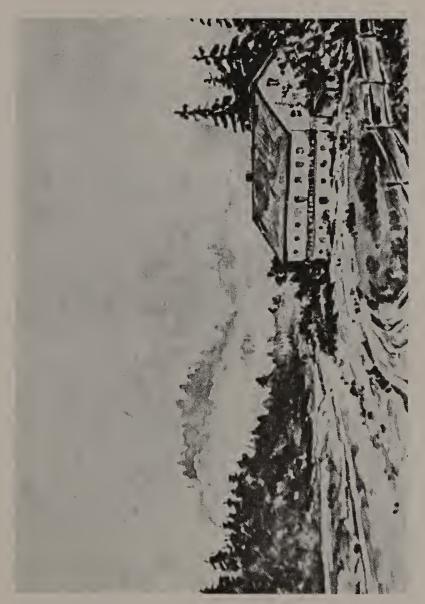








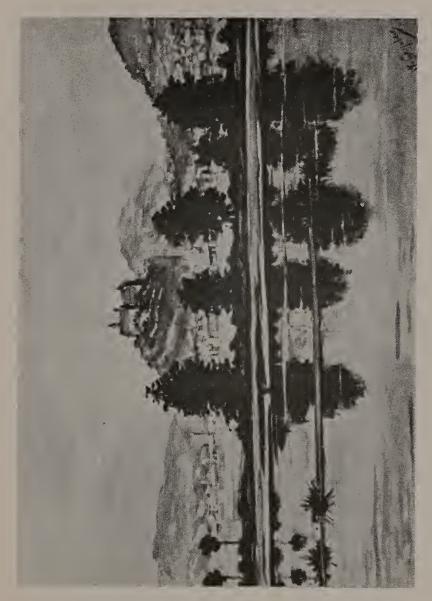




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of some of the main contributing artists to the catalogue



Valentins DALDERS.

Valentins Dalders is a former Latvian businessman who specialised in art as a sideline. He took his art seriously, studying in the professional school and Academy of Art in Riga, Latvia.

In 1937, Mr. Dalder's works were exhibited for the first time in Oger, Latvia — they were mostly oils and pastels. The outbreak of war in 1939, and the resultant personal misfortunes put a stop to Mr. Dalders' artistic career.

At this writing, Mr. Dalders is a Displaced Person living in Camp Mack, Bayreuth. He works in the Sub-headquarters Engineering Office and still paints in his spare time. Difficulties in obtaining artistic materials and paints have forced Mr. Dalders to work with water colors exclusively—a medium which he uses for the first time in Germany.

Ernests DOLMANIS.

Ernest Dolmanis, born in Liepaja, Latvia on 27 July, 1834, is by profession a soldier. He attended a Latvian High School and War College, after which he was commissioned an officer in the Army.

Mr. Dolmanis has no special professional training in Art, but he was interested and good in drawing since childhood. Before entering active military service, he worked as a draftsman in a ship-building company. Most of his artistic-skills were individually acquired. He painted in his free time, improving his technique by copying well-known Latvian and Russian artists. Mr. Dolmanis works mostly in oils. In the D. P. camp of Camp Mack, Bayreuth, Ernests Dolmanis serves in the capacity of Camp Police Chief.

Mykola JAROSCHENKO.

Mykola Jaroschenko was born on the 18th February 1919 in Ukraine. He began studies in the architectural Institute in Kiev, but unfortunately these studies were interrupted because of the war.

Young and ambitious, Mr. Jaroschenko perseveres in his interest in art. Handicapped by the lack of supplies, he paints and skecthes on whatever materials are on hand. What he lacks in experience and supplies, he makes up in his determination and perseverance in the face of all obstacles and for that he deserves credit.

Jury KODAK.

Jury Kodak, the young Ukrainian impressionist painter, was born in Ukraine in 1916. He studied in the Academies of Fine Arts in Lwow and Kiev, where he took up painting and architectural design. He had just about completed his studied when the Second World War broke out resulting in his displacement to Germany.

Mr. Kodak has exhibited his works twice in Germany, once for the International Displaced Persons Exhibition and the other time in an exhibition sponsored by German artists.

Lately Mr. Kodak has concentrated most of his time in drawing architectural plans for a Ukrainian Church in Canada. These plans were sent to the Archbishop of a Ukrainian district sponsoring the offer of a 300 price for the best design submitted. The Church design submitted by Mr. Kodak is included in the catalogue.

Eusebius LIPECKYJ.

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Eusebius Lipeckyj, the well-known Ukrainian painter and cultural leader, was born in Verbouts, Northern Bukovina, in 1889. He completed his preliminary technical studies in Czernovits, and afterwards he studied in the Private Academy of Painting (under Prof. Maginer) and the King's Academy of Arts in Munich.

During the first World War, Professor Lipeckyj worked as a painter of pictures and graphics at the Military Geographical Department in Vienna studying in his free time at the State Academy of Painting and Sculpture under the Emperor Franz Joseph Scholarship.

After the war, Prof. Lipeckyj taught art in the Czernovits Ukrainian High School until 1940. The Soviet occupation of Bukovina in 1940 forced Professor Lipeckyj, a wellknown member of the Ukrainian intelligents. a, to flee his homeland.

Professor Lipeckyj works in all mediums in the field of art, — pencil, coal, water colors, oils, etc. He is particularly famous however, for his portrait paintings. His keen perception and powers of observation, his excellent selection of colors, his perfect technique and his realistic portrayals make his portraits outstandingly real.

In Bayreuth, Professor Lipeckyj is the acknowledged cultural leader of the Ukrainian Community. Wise, quiet, reserved, hard-working and modest, Professor Lipeckyj has won the respect of all who know him. He continues to paint while awaiting opportunity to emigrate with his family to a country which would give him haven and an opportunity to create.

Leonid KOSTJUSCHKO.

Leonid Kostjuschko was born in Lwow, Austria, on the 25th February, 1909. After the First World War, his family moved to Wolynia, Western Ukraine, where Mr. Kostjuschko was brought up as a Ukrainian.

Born into an artistic family, Mr. Kostjuschko started his long artistic training early. His first teacher was his mother, who studied in the High Academy of Painting in St. Petersburg, and was herself a fine artist.

From 1926 to 1930, Mr. Kostjuschko was a pupil and a coworker of the famous painter and member of the Academy-Alexandrow. In 1935 Mr. Kostjuschko attended a private academy for painting in Czechoslovakia, studying architecture, painting and drawing.

Until the beginning of the Second World War, Mr. Kostjuschko worked as an artist. In 1942, his career was interrupted and he was brought as a forced labourer into Germany by the Nazis. He continued working as a labourer till his liberation in 1945 by the American Armies.

A man of many talents, Mr. Kostjuschko works with oil, pen, aquarell, and charcoal equally well. He is also a good sculptor and an excellent copist. Of all the artists in the Bamberg-Bayreuth area he is the most versatile.

Mr. Kostjuschko works as the cultural leader in the DP Camp in Mainleus. His greatest wish is "to emigrate over the ocean" and to work again in his profession.





